

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by Examiner Oyebisi to review Applicant's present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 24, 2008. This Reply encompasses a bona fide attempt to overcome the rejections raised by Examiner Oyebisi and presents reasons why Applicant believes that claim 31, as presented in the response submitted September 18, 2008, complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 24, 2008, the Examiner stated that claim 31 was identified to be currently amended and it looks like nothing has really been amended. In response, Patent Agent Kevin Gust and Examiner Oyebisi conducted a telephonic conversation during which Agent Gust pointed out an amendment made to Claim 31. Examiner Oyebisi stated that his copy appeared to have been scanned incorrectly. This is believed to be the cause of the issuance of a Notice of Non-Compliant amendment. Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2008 is presented here in the form originally filed.